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THE PERTH AND KINROSS CYCLE CAMPAIGN

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND QUARTERLY MEETING WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2010 Room 415. 2 High Street, Perth

AGM 2010: the Child Protection Policy statement was still to be posted on the website.

Chairman's Report

Brian Gall reported on administration work behind the scenes as well as ongoing actions (see below), and thanked the Committee for their support.

Treasurer's Report

The balance sheet showed a healthy position. Subs still cover fees for Sports Council affiliation and insurance. There is enough in the account to cover the Highland Perthshire maps. Thanks to the auditor. The balance showed that revenue is still coming in from the old Highland Perthshire maps being sold via the Tourist Information Offices. Approximately 1500 maps remain. The centralised Visit Scotland distribution system leads to a lack of control, and the Treasurer reported that it is always difficult to recoup the money.

Election of Office Bearers

Brian Gall consented to remain as Chairman for one more year to see through ongoing actions.

Mike Simm remains as Vice Chair and continues as Rides Leader.

Bill Grigg offered to stand for Treasurer, a post he has fulfilled before.

Katharine Melville remains as Secretary, and continues as Child Protection Officer.

Roger Humphry continues as Campaigns Co-ordinator.

Paul McLennan continues as Mapping Co-ordinator.

Ken Ward remains as Webmaster.

In view of the difficulty in getting a Treasurer to stand, it was suggested that we might pay for this service in future years if the problem continues.

Membership Fees

No motion had been received to alter the fee structure, although discussion took place.

It was resolved to retain the present membership fees.

The group were content to keep emailing information to interested parties even if they had not paid a current subscription. A few members still require information sent by post.

However, anyone taking part in the rides and those taking an active interest in the group should pay the annual subscription of £5 per head and £8 per family, payable now (April 2010). It was proposed that all paid up members should be issued with a membership card (which can be used at Richard's Cycles to obtain discount).

ByCycle Rides

a) Monthly rides. There were around 16 regular participants, around 12 on each ride. Some discussion ensued as to how best to publicise the rides in order to encourage more people back on to their bikes.

b) Summer Rides programme. The programme is almost ready for publication. The emphasis this year is local rides for local people. Short family rides will take place simultaneously in Dunkeld, Crieff, Bankfoot and Perth. A 2-day First Aid course for outdoor sports leaders would need to be organised.

c) The Ride to Perth. The entry list now numbered 44 out of the maximum 80.

Posters were available at the meeting, and will be attached as a pdf file with the Minutes so that people can advertise the event in their own localities and workplaces.

The Chair reported on sponsorship and the risk assessment ride. Marshalling points had been identified and the event had been approved by the Police.

Report on Mapping

The new Highland Perthshire map would need to be at a scale of 1:100,000 in order to accommodate the proposed long distance route.

It was thought that in this area, with a relatively simple road network, the smaller scale would be appropriate. The mapping group was re-convened to process the final stages.

Campaign Report

The Coordinator reported on the proliferation of cycle stands in the area thanks to local initiatives. He now has a system of looking through planning applications and making regular "conditional objections" where cycle provision had not been allowed for. He had been trying to obtain Perth and Kinross Council's guidelines which could be used to reinforce his objections, but so far these had not been forthcoming.

He was currently advising on cycle provision at the proposed Blairgowrie Visitor Centre.

There was a complaint from the floor that Scottish and Southern Renewables want to close the off-road route through Griffin Forest to Dunkeld for three years while the Griffin wind farm is built.

A diversion route would be possible. The Coordinator would look in to this. Discussions ensued on campaigning: joint approaches with Spokes (the Edinburgh Cycle Campaign group), cross-party groups meeting in the Scottish Parliament, and targeting prospective MSPs about their cycling manifestoes were all discussed.

An email forum for bouncing ideas around seemed appropriate.

Any Other business

Attention was drawn 1. To the next Bike Station sale: Saturday 5 June. Sale of children's recycled bikes. Meikle Primary School. Unwanted bikes and spares for recycling are also accepted.

Information on www.pkc.gov.uk/recycling

2. To the Highland Perthshire Cycling Festival in Aberfeldy on 15 May.

Posters and leaflets were available to take away.

A combined stand to represent ByCycle, Sustrans and Perth and Kinross Council Cycling Summer was booked. Information www.HighlandPerthshireCyclingFestival.co.uk

3. To the April I-Bike newsletter highlighting the work of Sustrans in local schools. Contact Kelly on 01738 477395 or 07825 619716 or kelly.richardson@sustrans.org.uk

4. Ian McConnell (absent) drew the group's attention to Transport Scotland's Disability Discrimination Act. (For a future agenda if appropriate).

Date of Next Meeting

Next Quarterly Meeting: Wednesday 28 July, 2010

Next Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 27 April, 2011

Both in Room 415, 2 High Street Perth at 19.00

Meeting closed at 20.35
